

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this reissue application. The Office action indicates that claims 1, 9 and 22 recite allowable subject matter and would be allowed if the following objections and defects in the application are addressed and corrected, respectively. The application has been objected to for the consent of all assignees not being compliant with 37 CFR 1.172. The Office action states that the amendment filed January 21, 2001, does not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(c). The reissue declaration has been found defective under 37 CFR 1.175. The Office action also states that the original patent, or a statement as to loss or inaccessibility thereof, must be submitted by the applicant under 37 CFR 1.178 before the application can be allowed.

The application has been objected for the consent of all assignees not being compliant with 37 CFR 1.172. Enclosed herewith is a new consent of assignee form that has been signed by a person authorized to act on behalf of the assignee. Accordingly, the objection regarding the consent of assignee form should be withdrawn.

The Office action states that the amendment filed January 12, 2001, did not provide an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for then newly presented claims 9-25 as required by 37 CFR 1.173(c). Accordingly, the following table provides an explanation of support in the disclosure of the patent for claims 9-25:

| Claim | Support Found in the Disclosure |
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| Claim 9 | At least at Column 5, lines 10-16; Column 4, lines 38-47; Column 5, lines 25-38; Column 7, lines 6-9; and Column 7, lines 35-40. |
| Claim 10 | At least at Column 7, lines 44-51 |
| Claim 11 | At least at Column 5, lines 9-17 |
| Claim 12 | At least at Column 5, lines 50-54, and FIG. 5 |
| Claim 13 | At least at FIG. 5, Reference numbers 90, 96 100; and Column 6, lines 65- Column 8, line 26. |

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| Claim 14 | At least at Column 6, line 56 and Column 7, line 22. |
| Claim 15 | At least at Column 7, lines 6-9; Column 7, lines 49-51; and Column 7, lines 7-11 |
| Claim 16 | At least at Column 8, lines 10-16 |
| Claim 17 | At least at Column 5, lines 24-29 |
| Claim 18 | At least at Column 5, lines 25-49 |
| Claim 19 | At least at Column 7, lines 1-6 |
| Claim 20 | At least at Column 7, lines 35-40 |
| Claim 21 | At least at Column 7, lines 35-44 |
| Claim 22 | At least at FIG. 1, reference numbers 28, 36 and 26; Column 5, lines 10-16; Column 5, lines 25-38; Column 7, lines 6-9; and Column 7, lines 35-40 |
| Claim 23 | At least at Column 4, lines 48-58 |
| Claim 24 | At least at Column 5, lines 18-21 |
| Claim 25 | At least at Column 5, lines 17-38; and FIG. 1, reference numbers 26, 28, 36 |

The above table lists sections in the specification where support for each of the added claims 9-25 can be found and complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.173(c).

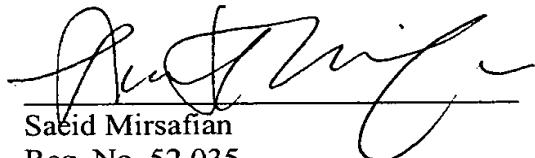
The Office action states that the reissue declaration fails to include a statement that all errors which are being corrected in the reissue application arose without any deceptive intent, as required by 37 CFR 1.175. Enclosed herewith is a new reissue declaration that now includes the noted statement as required by 37 CFR 1.175. The declaration has been signed by three of the four inventors under the 36 CFR 1.47(a) petition granted on December 31, 2002. Accordingly, the reissue declaration now complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.175.

The original patent is unavailable. Should the original patent become available, it will be submitted to the Patent Office.

The applicants have amended claim 10 to correct an error in the originally presented claim 10.

The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below in order to discuss any remaining issues or matters of form that will place this case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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